

Editorial

By

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Summer is on its way -- and school will soon be over for another year. There are quite a few students who wish to find work during their summer vacation, but there are more who will be running the streets. These children will need to be kept busy. There are several programs planned by the Parks and Recreation Departments -- and also by several different Boys/Girls Clubs.

We all, parents, students, and recreation heads, need to think of work, projects, sports, etc., to keep our young people off the streets during the summer months. It is just as important for the parents to know what is going on -- and to supervise the young people as it is for recreation programs to be set up for them. While the Parks and Recreation Departments and the Clubs are good for the youngsters, it is imperative that the parents also supervise the youngsters and know where they are at all times.

A lot of parents feel they can turn their children loose, and they will be taken care of by whoever is around. Some of them don't even know if the children get fed during the day -- or if they are stealing food -- or getting into other trouble. Then they blame society. Parents should be responsible for their own children's safety -- and also their welfare.

Let us strive to make this a safe summer for our young people -- and show the rest of Las Vegas that we can keep our young people busy -- and out of mischief -- during the entire summer. There are lots of arts and crafts -- or sports -- or ??? in which the children will become interested -- and stay interested.

Even sports can be fun -- for instance -- UNLV has signed Mike "Spider Man" Burns from Chaparral and Freddie "Machine Gun" Thompson from Las Vegas High on Basketball scholarships. Why not set up leagues whereby the youngsters of West Las Vegas can look to these fine men as examples of what can happen to them if they study hard and continue to grow.

There are other things that our young people can adopt for the summer. Why not make up a list of activities that can be attempted and mail your suggestions in to the VOICE and we will turn them over to interested organizations and see what can be done to keep the youth busy during the summer months. We will appreciate any information you wish to share with us.

WHITEY COULD, FOR ALL INTENTS, AND PURPOSES PUT HIS GUNS AWAY. WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO KILL OURSELVES BETTER THAN HE CAN. NOW WE SEND EACH OTHER DEATH IN SMALL BAGS.

CLAYTON RILEY
LIBERATOR



Just the FACTS

Police brutality is getting worse rather than better, as far as the people in West Las Vegas -- and even North Las Vegas -- are concerned. The police stop people, who have had minor allocations, and harrass them.

Don't you think it is time that police harrassment stopped? The people of West Las Vegas are human beings -- and individuals -- with feelings the same as any other persons.

It is time the police started realizing that just because a person is Black -- or even maybe yellow, or green, or whatever -- they are FIRST a person who deserves to be treated as an individual. Each person living on the Westside should be treated as an individual and not as a whole race.

Sure, there are some rotten apples in the Black barrels -- but there are also some rotten apples in the White barrels. Take a look at Nixon -- he is White, but is rather rotten!!

There are some highly qualified, educated Blacks in West Las Vegas -- and in Las Vegas, who own their own businesses -- and are highly respected. Then again there are a FEW who are rotten. But, by the same token, there are a LOT of Whites who are worse than the Blacks ever thought of being.

The Black friends I have will tell you to your face if there is something they do not like -- not like some White people I know, who will go behind your back.

The Blacks are going to have to UNITE and do something about the way they are treated -- NOT just sit back and complain.

Approximately 5 out of 100 people being harrassed by the police probably deserve the treatment received -- but the other 95 don't. What can you do, as an individual, to stop this?

It seems as though most Whites have taken their stand against BLACKS as a whole -- but should be considering them as INDIVIDUALS!! If one apple in a bag is rotten, does that mean that they all are? If one Black is rotten, does that mean the entire race is? For every rotten person there are some 5,000 that are NOT!! So let us start thinking of ourselves as individuals!!!!

BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

By: Charles E. Belle

Across the waters are several millions of our black brothers and sisters in need of economic aid from their own Arab neighbors. The International Monetary Fund (IMF), a worldwide agency established for lending money to many needy nations, has a plan for providing pooled resources of \$10 billion for black and other countries.

Under a special supplementary financing arm nicknamed the Witteveen facility, the Organizations of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will be contributing most of the coins to help to reconstruct many undeveloped low-income countries.

However, this is not possible without positive support from the Congressional Black Caucus of House Bill H.R. 9214. This bill will authorize the United States to spend \$1.8 billion as its part of the support of these black and other poor nations.

The 35 lower-income less developed countries listed by the IMF include Ethiopia from the horn of Africa, as well as, Alex Haley's roots of Gambia. Low income means health hazard in hot climates like Chad, Haiti in the Carribean and Lesotho in South Africa. Zaire and Upper Vota are on the needy list, as well as, Tanzania. These LDC's read like a who's who of Black Africa with Sierra Leone, Sudan and Niger on the line.

United States participation in the Witteveen Facility, as it is called, puts President James Earl Carter's human rights issue in pratice in poverty stricken Africa. It is believed by many people that without the United States participation of \$1.8 billion the total \$10 billion will not be raised from the OPEC surplus nation's funds.

The opportunity to open the OPEC treasury should certainly not be lost by U.S. laxity in this area. Economic developments is what it is all about for blacks on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. The U. S. has a budget of some \$500 billion this year.

Black Americans should encourage their Congressional representatives to provide less than \$2 billion of the budget to get \$10 billion for economic aid for the benefit at least of blacks in Africa.

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